

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are amended, no claims are canceled, and claims 6-20 are added; as a result, claims 1-20 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Examiner states that the phrase “choosing a best route for e node” is not clear since the Specification does not disclose what an “e node” is and its relationship with the other nodes recited in the claim.

Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended to more clearly define Applicant’s claimed invention. As noted in the Specification, at Fig. 3 (block 69) and p. 4, lines 3-13, Applicant teaches choosing a preferred route to a particular node from a given node when there are two or more routes remaining after the elimination of the longer routes and the cyclic routes. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

New Claims

Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are fully supported from the Specification. Regarding claims 9 and 10, as noted at Figs. 1 & 2 and p. 3, lines 3-5, Applicant teaches providing global addressing of local memories (24) throughout the computer system having a plurality of processing nodes. Regarding claims 15 and 20, as noted at Fig. 2 and p. 3, lines 1-2, Applicant teaches associating a separate routing table (32) with its respective router port (30). Allowance of these new claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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